

In memory of

David Nkenchor



Freshman David Nkenchor, 18, was found dead in his dorm Sunday, Oct. 1. A GoFundMe page, titled “David Nkenchor’s Funeral” has been created for anyone who wishes to donate to help cover the cost of his funeral expenses.

Loved ones remember Nkenchor’s life

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Students mourn the death of a fellow Bearcat after freshman David Nkenchor, 18, was found dead in his campus residence Sunday, Oct. 1.

David Nkenchor was from Maryland Heights, Missouri, where he played on his high school soccer team as goalkeeper. Nkenchor was a geology major at Northwest and lived a quiet life in Dietrich.

Onyeka Nkenchor, David Nkenchor’s sister, said he loved playing sports and seeing people happy.

“David was just a kindhearted, polite person who wanted everyone to be happy,” Onyeka Nkenchor said. “He loved being with friends and playing sports.”

Freshman Zach Shields, David Nkenchor’s roommate, said while he and Nkenchor did not hang out all the time, Nkenchor was one of the kindest people Shields had ever met.

“I just want people to know that he was the sweetest kid and he would never hurt a fly,” Shields said. “He was always so polite and

he never had a bad feeling towards anyone.”

Joey Miller, one of David Nkenchor’s close friends, said Nkenchor was always the first person to make sure his friends were doing okay.

“David always wanted to know how I was doing, if he saw me and I didn’t look like I was in the best mood he would always be the first person to say ‘what’s wrong man,’” Miller said. “The difference between him and others was that he actually genuinely cared and wanted to know what was wrong and how I was doing, that’s just the type of person he was.”

Miller met Nkenchor playing soccer during their freshman year of high school. Miller said the two became friends following the start of the year.

“The soccer team would always sit at the same table during lunch; I met David there,” Miller said. “He slowly started talking more and more, and after a while we became friends. Over the years our friendship had grown, and we’d start hanging out inside of school, during passing time and lunch. We’d always talk about

our personal life, like girls, classes, and soccer. After months and months of playing soccer together and talking in the halls we considered ourselves good friends.”

Miller said he always did his best to be there when Nkenchor needed him.

“I was one of David’s best friends, and I was aware that David had been bullied. I actually got into a fight because David was getting bullied,” Miller said. “This was a big reason I, and a couple other guys, started hanging outside of school with him.”

Miller explained that Nkenchor was a very shy and quiet individual, but if one really took the time to get to know him he would remain one of your closest friends.

“We always knew David was a funny guy, you would just have to get to know him first,” Miller said. “Which many people never took the opportunity to do. I am so glad I took the opportunity to know him.”

Miller said his last memories of Nkenchor were pleasant ones, but he never expected that day to be the last time he would see Nkenchor.

“The last time I was with Da-

vid was before he left to go off to college,” Miller said. “I hung out with him for about three or four hours, we went to my house, played FIFA, went to Steak ‘n Shake, then went to kick the soccer ball around. I still vividly remember it. I can remember dropping him off, expecting to see him soon. I never thought that was going to be the last time I would hang out with him. He was a great friend. I will cherish the years that I knew David.”

Nkenchor’s cause of death is still under investigation by University Police and the Nodaway County Coroner’s office.

Students who need counseling can set up an appointment at the Wellness Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students who need counseling outside of regular office hours are encouraged to call University Police at 660-562-1254.

A county counseling support line is also available to all members of the Northwest Community at 888-279-8188.

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Northwest’s Career Pathing Program teamed up with the Maryville Chamber of Commerce to offer eight different professional development sessions for students.

While the Career Pathing Program has been offering similar options for professional development at Northwest, this will be the first time the program works with the Chamber of Commerce according to Northwest Coordinator of Student Employment Paula McLain.

“The University has been providing professional development opportunities for faculty, staff and student employees through the Career Pathing Program,” McLain said. “It seemed like the next logical step to invite the community to attend and allow others to take advantage of the opportunity to develop professionally at minimal costs.”

Career Services held the second session Sept. 28. Career Development Coordinator for Employer Relations Renee Riedel noted that the sessions were an opportunity for students to get one-on-one experience with students before Career Day, Education Expo.

“We frequently hear from employers on Career Day, Education Expo that sometimes our



Alexis Geisert | NW Missourian
A Northwest student speaks with an employee from Harley Davidson Motor Company during Career Day Success Guide: The Employer Side, Sept. 28 in the Ballroom.

students are not prepared for the event,” Riedel said. “So this is the first year that Career Services will be hosting an event to prepare students for Career Day, Education Expo.”

Riedel stated Career Services brought in a group of employers to answer student questions and provide insight in their job fields.

“We invited a panel of employers who answered questions

from students that can be about anything,” Riedel said. “After that, the employers did a resume critique, so students are able to get their resume looked at before Career Day and get the opinions of other employees.”

For McLain, these sessions are important because they offer students new knowledge which can be applied outside of class and help them in the future.

“The sessions offered provide professional and life-changing skills to help further individuals in their current and future careers,” McLain said. “It continues to provide professional development for area businesses at minimal costs and the opportunity for our students to learn alongside professionals and gain additional knowledge through this interaction.”

Riedel believes events like

the session Career Services held are vital as they help students’ ability to connect with employees before they begin a job search.

“A lot of jobs and internships are all about networking and this provides another chance for students to network with employers,” Riedel said.

McLain stated Career Pathing is happy to host these presentations and hopes that anyone who attends will leave with new knowledge that can be applied later.

“We are excited to offer these interactive and engaging development opportunities to the students, staff and community,” McLain said. “The programs highlighted this fall will focus on presenting skills, conflict resolution, transforming your life, etiquette, communication styles and exhibiting a positive attitude. Whether you’re a student, polished professional or a retiree there is something for everyone.”

The sessions are being offered throughout the fall with the last one being held Nov. 30. According to the Northwest website, all presentations will be 60 minutes and take place in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. The presentations are free to Northwest students and employees.

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Mozingo sees 10 percent increase for cabin rentals

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Reporter | @TheMatthewBerry

This past Sunday, Oct. 1 price changes for cabin rentals at Mozingo Park went into ef-

fect. The rate changes are in response to the increase in cost of running the cabins.

In a Council Action Report (CAR), the price of cabin rental has increased by 10 percent

across all cabin rentals. For example, the smaller cabins which sleeps 4-6 people in peak season, prices went from \$88 per night on weeknights and \$110 per night on weekend nights to \$100 per night and \$120 per night respectively. This same increase is applicable to off season rates as well.

The reason for the changes is due to a general rise in upkeep and maintenance costs, according to Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland. One example Heiland gave was an increase in utilities cost. Heiland also said recent features such as online booking have led to increase in occupancy, which means more use of the cabins features.

“With the increased occupancy rates we have been seeing more wear and tear, so in addition to an increase in costs for staff (to accommodate the increase in occupancy) there is also an increase in cost for just replacing items that are being worn out by the constant use of the cabins,” Heiland said.

Maryville city council member and Mozingo advisory board city council representative Jerry Riggs stated that this is the first increase since the cabins were built.

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University relaunches nursing degree

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Northwest’s Board of Regents approved a proposal by the University to create two nursing faculty positions to relaunch the nursing program.

One of the faculty positions will serve as the director of Northwest’s nursing program with some teaching responsibilities, while the second position will carry a full teaching load. Both will work to develop the courses required to launch the program Fall 2018.

According to Northwest Board of Regents Board Chair Dr. Pat Harr, Northwest will work with Academic Partnerships, a vendor that provides support and services to help Northwest with its online enrollment, to build momentum and help grow its nursing programs.

“There was an increasing demand for a bachelor’s degree in nursing as well as increasing de-

mand for nurses in a lot of places. If you have a BSN (Bachelor of Science Nursing) you can advance more,” Harr said. “Academic Partnership actually came up to us because they knew of our interest in the nursing program and were willing to help us with the upfront expenses. It just made sense to partner with them and get the program up and going.”

Director of the School of Health Science and Wellness Terry Long stated that the program will be held to the same standard as any program at Northwest and is hopeful it will become a strong program.

“The first thing that we want is a program that produces excellent nurses,” Long said. “Even though it is an online program and people tend to question the rigor of an online program.”

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BROOKE BEASLEY | PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Northwest’s Board of Regents approved a proposal to create two nursing faculty positions in the School of Health Science and Wellness in preparation to relaunch its registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in nursing (RN-to-BSN) program.

Northwest adds new electrical wiring to Lot 42



TAYLOR JOHNSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Jason Davis from Pinnacle Electric digs up Lot 42 in front of Tower Suites to run electrical infrastructure from the B.D. Owens Library to the new Hughes Fieldhouse Sept. 27.

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The east half of parking Lot 42 is temporarily closed for the installation of underground wiring to the new Hughes Fieldhouse. The lot closed Sept. 25 and is expected to open back up at the end of next week.

Manager of Capital Programs Scott Kuhlemeyer said residents were notified before the project of the parking lot closure.

“We’re putting in some electrical infrastructure from the B.D. Owens Library over to the new Fieldhouse that’s under construction,” Kuhlemeyer said. “We’re starting with the parking lot area and we’ve trenched diagonally through the lot. We’re putting in the electrical conduits and protection concrete and then putting new asphalt patching back in after we’re done.”

While Kuhlemeyer hoped the parking lot would be opened back up Oct. 6 before the festivities of the home football game, weather does a play a role. The rain in the forecast this week has impacted this schedule.

“We tried to minimize the inconvenience by keeping as much of that parking lot open as we could,” Kuhlemeyer said. “We planned ahead with the University Police Department and Residential Life, knowing that we’d be impacting areas there for the duration of this feeder installation through that parking lot area.”

Due to the closure of Lot 42, students who typically use that parking lot are having to use other parking lots.

“I have to have my friends park a ways away instead of right outside my dorm,” freshman Jamie Criner said. “I take that route every morning and night to class and I have to

walk further and further away from the construction site.”

Millikan Hall Director Jacob Wood has noticed a difference in the parking lot behind Millikan Hall, next to Lot 42.

“We’re seeing a lot more volume in this parking lot, more than normal,” Wood said. “I wouldn’t say it’s an extreme amount but it is an increased volume.”

Despite some inconveniences, Wood appreciates the understanding from residents during this construction.

“I’m excited to see the new Fieldhouse go up,” Wood said. “These little things are going to be coming up, some interruptions throughout the year as far as parking lot closures and things like that. I think when the final product is there, students will be happy about it.”

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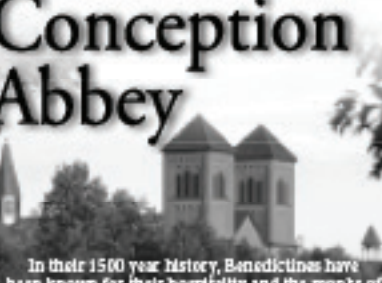

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The Missourian recognizes the Sept. 28 Stroller has created controversy and conversation on campus. We would like to remind our readers that the Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the Missourian or the University. We strongly encourage feedback and dialogue in the form of letters to the editor. Please address your remarks and responses to the Stroller to northwestmissourian@gmail.com. We welcome and encourage civil dialogue on any topic, in the spirit of the First Amendment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

H.E.R.O.

Dear Editor(s),
There are many words we could use to describe your actions of this week.
If we were to list them all, you'd be dizzied and astounded by our strong feelings. However, based upon your statements regarding the article "Your Bearcat wants you to understand plural versus singular" we know that feeling will not, unfortunately, persuade you.
You are not ashamed that you allowed such a reprehensible article to be published in your paper.
You clearly did not think about the consequences that this article would bring about. Perhaps we could help you understand.
We know that some students skipped class on Friday. Many of us slept poorly. Even more of us have spent most of the days

since dwelling on the aforementioned article, thinking about how we, as queer people, as H.E.R.O., should respond.
We wanted to scream. We wanted to walk down to your office and talk to you face to face about this, because you clearly do not understand the gravity of this article.
According to a study conducted by The National Gay and Lesbian Task force and National Center for Transgender Equality, trans* people have an average suicidality rate of 41 percent.
In case you didn't know, the national average is 4.6 percent, and for bisexual, gay, and lesbian folks, it is between 10 and 20 percent. So, uh, 41 percent is pretty high. Almost half of all trans* people.
Do you understand? Half of us have experienced the desire to end our own lives. So we must ask the question why. Why

do trans* people have a higher rate than most? It is largely because of discrimination.
Trans* people are more likely than any other group of people to be estranged by their families because of their gender identity.
Friends are more likely to refuse to speak to them, doctors more likely to refuse to treat them. When trans* people enter bathrooms, they are often harassed, and in some cases even assaulted.
Articles like these enforce the stigma that trans* people are somehow wrong and "other." They enforce the idea that trans* people should never have existed, that we are somehow from Hell, as though none of us worship the very God you claim would turn us away if we accepted ourselves.
You believe that they/them pronouns used in the singular form are incorrect, grammatically wrong.

You say that there are only two genders; that anyone who identifies otherwise is at the least misguided and at the most living in sin. You try to use science to back up your viewpoint, try to scramble for anything that tells you that you are right.
You know that you are wrong though. You know that your actions are deplorable, reprehensible, and disgusting.
You expect us to lash out- to do anything we can to hurt you. We will not stoop to your level. You have chosen to ignore us and tell us that we do not exist: that we are not worthy. We know that we are. When you tell us that we do not exist, that we are not allowed to take up space, we will stand tall.
We will get big, link arms, and shout in support of each other. We will hold each other while we cry, and then help wipe away the tears so we can stand back up

and live to fight another day.
You are ignorant. You do not understand what you speak of, and we are certain this will not change your mind. But this is not about you, nor has it ever been.
We will have information on educational sessions soon. In the meantime, here are a few studies you may educate yourselves with. We hope you come to believe something different than you currently do.
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With hope for the future,
H.E.R.O.

DAVID ANZURES

As a fellow Bearcat I am disgusted and appalled at the cisgender nonsense that I read in the school newspaper today.
I cannot believe the Northwest Missourian would be fine with publishing transphobia and bigotry, let alone let someone publish an article without understanding the difference between

gender (social construct) and biological sex (genitalia).
If you literally Google the definition of "they" and scroll down a bit you can see that it's used to refer to "a person of an unspecified gender."
Not even acknowledging the fact that you all constantly misgendered the person in question, I'm not sure why anyone would attack and belittle an already mar-

ginalized and vulnerable population who barely has access to resources on campus and in the Maryville community.
"It actually hurts my brain" also that somebody wouldn't just mind their own business when it comes to not understanding why someone identifies a different way than themselves.
The fact that I can't even read the school newspaper during an

hour break between classes without reading about transphobia and bigotry makes me sad. You all need to do better, and I hope you use this opportunity to learn and grow.
It's stuff like this that makes non binary and transgender college students feel isolated from campus life, have lower self-esteem, and are more at risk for suicide than any other group.

JUSTIN MALLETT

The Stroller opinion editorial written in the Northwest Missouriian questioned the purpose of using pronouns to identify gender.
This article was written on the pure emotion of the writer and does not reflect the direction Northwest Missouri State University is heading as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion.
The next couple of paragraphs will contain my rebuttal to the editorial written earlier.
The usage of non-binary pronouns allows a person to control their identity. You cannot always know what gender someone is by simply looking at them.
Asking and correctly identifying is one of the most basic ways to

show respect for their gender identity.
What if I referred to a person by the wrong name or assumed for example just because a person's name was Shawn they were one gender instead of another gender? The person would feel disrespected, invalidated or even dismissed.
These are the same feelings, which may be felt by overlooking or not acknowledging the gender of a person.
This editorial has shown me as the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion the need to have civil discussion on topics such as pronouns and gender identity.
The theme at Northwest Missouri State University is civility, and as stated by the universi-

ty president Dr. John Jasinski, "Intercultural competence, along with respect and integrity are central to our university values. We will discuss, act upon and uphold our cultural values and expectations."
Instead of questioning the learning of pronouns, let's start the process of having civil, engaging discussions on the topic, so we can all learn and make our knowledge base stronger.
If our overall goal is to create an inclusive environment, why don't we all start taking a look at how we can create that inclusive environment?
We must start respecting everyone regardless of their religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or gender identity.

The goal for all of us at Northwest Missouri State is to create an environment of inclusion for the school's diverse array of students, even students who identify as genderfluid.
To the person who wrote the article, I am not saying you need learn all of the pronouns, which exist, but I am asking you to respect the wishes of others when they want to be called by their identifying pronoun or even another name.
Inclusion is not all about knowledge, but respect.
Let me be the first to start the gender identification campaign at Northwest Missouri State University, my name is Dr. Justin Mallett, and I prefer to use the pronouns He/Him/His.

KORBIN JONES

Dear Northwest Missourian Staff:
I would like to respond to your public statement, particularly the very last part wherein you invoke the First Amendment.
Look, no one is coming for your First Amendment rights, though I am strongly criticizing your lack of responsibility and utter disregard for the rhetorical and social implications publications in your newspaper could have.
This particular article is, at its core, based in a lack of information. I may have switched

from a Media Studies major to an English one early in my time here, but there is one thing I believe connects our disciplines: the importance of sources, sources that are credible.
Not only does this "Stroller" figure lack the basic understanding of the distinction between sex and gender, they apparently have no knowledge of English linguistics, the history of the English language, the current authorities of the English language, and how to construct basic arguments—the very things they seem so keen to school us in for the sake of

"understanding" something.
Not only does your Stroller figure degrade gender non-conforming readers by crudely referring to their genitals, they attempt to make us "understand" an arbitrary distinction to be fact.
The Missourian is the newspaper of an institution of higher learning.
Such baseless opinions are the very antithesis of what Northwest strives for. Investigate. Question. Research. Learn.
None of these things seem to have crossed the mind of your Stroller, and though you may use the First Amendment

to pardon yourselves of any legal wrongdoing, you are by no means excused from the harm you have done to those in the queer community by furthering an ignorant, uneducated claim under the guise of opinion—an educated one, nonetheless.
Yes, your Stroller tradition may be from 1918, but it appears the Stroller's views are, too.
Though this is certainly vile, it does not warrant my anger.
What warrants my anger is the reckless use of your platform by publishing ignorance and misinformation as though it is a proper opinion.

I do not accept your statement. I do not accept your excuse.
You are all to be held accountable for this, and as a queer student on this campus who does understand the importance of the First Amendment in order to protect speech and writing, I am disgusted with the level to which the Missourian has stooped to excuse itself.
I will continue to demand a proper apology to our community and a commitment to better practices in the future from the Missourian.
Do better.

Ted Talks speaker comes to Northwest

SARAH VON SEGGERN

Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

The Ron Houston Performing Arts Center was filled with tears and laughter Oct. 2 as Alex Sheen, four-time Ted Talks speaker and founder of “Because I said I would,” kept the promise he made to the Northwest Bearcats.

According to Sheen, “Because I said I would” is a nonprofit organization and a social movement devoted to making everybody’s lives better through the promises they make and keep.

Their goal is to change people’s views on life everyday through their character education programs, awareness campaigns and volunteer work in their local chapters.

With flyers posted around campus, many students were anticipating the strangely named lecture.

“One of my friends gave me a (promise) card a few years ago and it had ‘because I said I would’ in the corner,” senior Asha Hammons said. “I was just like this sounds familiar. Where have I seen this before? And lo and behold, I found his card and was like, ‘I’m going to this event.’”

Through blank promise cards that simply had ‘Because I said I Would’ on the bottom right hand side, students were able to commit to a promise as they wrote it down and posted it on social media.

“I made a promise to myself that I would always drive safe in the interest of others,” sophomore Mallory Krishna said. “As someone who’s been in three car accidents while I’ve been the driver, I’ve spent a lot of time avoiding driving until I had to. I need to be more confident, and if I can do that

for my friends and family, then I can make the roads safer for myself and other drivers.”

While a card cannot tell a person what to do, the act of making the promise cannot be so easily broken.

The idea behind promise cards came after the passing of Sheen’s father who was a man of many promises made and kept.

Before getting on stage, Sheen said he thinks about the people he wants to impact and his father, to prepare for his performance.

“Sometimes there’s a thought that you try to give yourself to put yourself into the mood for what you’re about to do,” Sheen said.

With his mindset and a simple question to the audience, he started his speech.

From his first promise after his father’s death to the slow climb towards viral fame, Sheen shared his whole story.

“When it seems everything is against you, just try to focus on the small stuff and look at all those as victories,” Sheen said.

The trials and the financial burden placed upon him was heavy but for him it was not about money or fame. It was about sharing the empowerment of being able to make and keep a promise.

“You can pretend to care, but you can’t pretend to show up,” Sheen said.

Only when someone follows through with their promise can they truly say they care.

To learn more about what this movement and organization stands for, please visit either the official website becauseisaidiwould.com or follow their Instagram account @becauseisaidiwould.



MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN

Alex Sheen shares how he founded “because I said I would”, an international social movement and nonprofit dedicated to the betterment of humanity through promises made and kept. He spoke on campus Oct. 2.



CORIE HERTZOG | NW MISSOURIAN

Calvary Chapel in Maryville held its annual protest against abortion Oct. 1 at the square.

Local church hosts pro-life protest

MATTHEW BERRY

Missourian Reporter | @TheMatthewBerry

A local church held its annual protest against abortion Sunday, Oct. 1

J.D. Dirks, the lead pastor at Calvary Chapel in Maryville, organized the protest. Dirks said this protest is part of a larger organization, called “Life chain.” Life chain has been putting on these protests every first Sunday of October for the past 22 years. Dirks said that the goal of these protests is awareness and prayer.

“We stand up against abortion, and are praying that God would end abortion and pray that women’s lives would change and be healed and forgiven for the abortions they have committed and they also would change their mind if they were thinking about abortion,” Dirks said.

For Dirks abortion is another form of murder and should not be allowed.

“We believe that life begins at conception,” Dirks said. “We would say that if you cannot murder someone outside of the womb you cannot murder someone inside the womb. We would say that (a person inside the womb) is a child, whereas pro-choice people would say it’s a fetus.”

Megan Jones works at the Newman Center and believes the

idea of abortion goes against her religious ideals.

“The fact is life begins at conception, so then within the Bible, you have the Ten commandments and (it says) we should not kill,” Jones said. “Therefore it would break one of the Ten Commandments.”

Dirks also believes that this is not a religious versus nonreligious issue. He believes, that because life begins at conception, the issue is quite simple.

“We already made a law that you can’t murder people, and it has nothing to do with church and state,” Dirks said.

For Jones, the idea that life begins at conception is not a religious idea but one founded in science.

“It’s scientific in the sense that when you have a frog, it looks like a tadpole,” Jones said. “But we know it’s going to be a frog. The same with a human fetus, we know that those cells will make up a human. So in that regard it’s scientific that those cells will become a human being, therefore it is a human being.”

By design, Life Chain protests are strictly peaceful and non-confrontational. Dirks explains that protesters are not allowed to engage with the public while protesting. He also explains that the protests are not designed to push people into becoming pro-life.

“We don’t want to push, but

we [do] want to encourage and change minds,” Dirks said.

Jones has held counseling outside abortion clinics and believes they can be more effective than protests but both can be useful.

“I think protests can be effective in the sense that it helps with raising awareness of the pro-life movement,” Jones said. “What is most effective though, is encountering those individuals and having a conversation. Not with necessarily the intent to convince or dissuade but to see and understand both sides would be the most effective.”

Dirks also believes that protests like this and the ones that have preceded it for the past 22 years are making an impact.

“Well you can see that the conversation has changed and abortion is a very hot topic in our country,” Dirks said. “More people are opposed to it than they are for it.”

While Dirks was not able to get a final headcount for the day, he said that anywhere from 150-300 people have showed up in the past.

Dirks was pleased with the amount of support the protest amassed as it brought more awareness to his cause.

“[I am] very happy with the turnout today and very happy that people love children and are tired of seeing them murdered in our country,” Dirks said.

Blotters for the week of Oct. 5

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Sept. 29

There is an open investigation for stealing at Millikan Hall.

Oct. 1

There is an open investigation

Maryville Public Safety

Sept. 27

There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 100 block

for a death at Dietrich Hall.

Oct. 2

There was a closed investigation for liquor law violation at Willow Apartment.

Oct. 3

A summons was issued to **Dereck Cochran**, 19, for littering at Lot 21.

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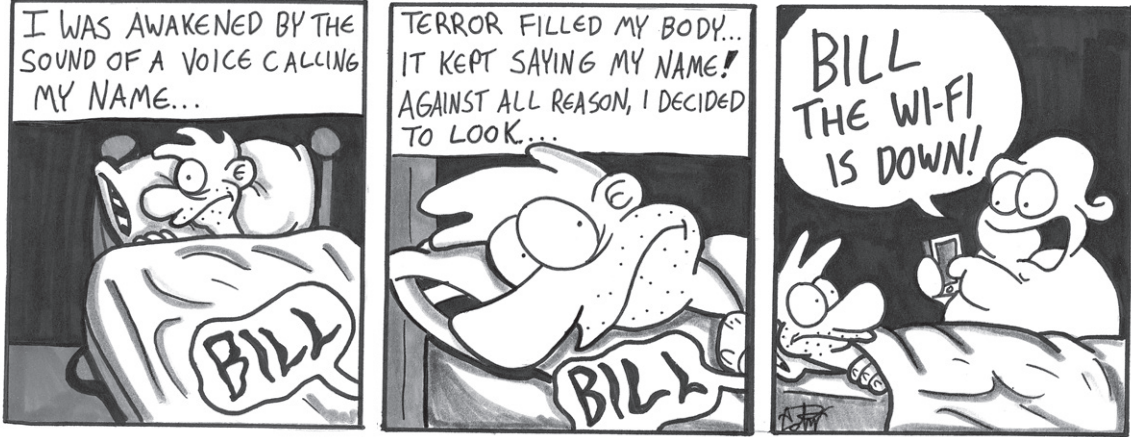
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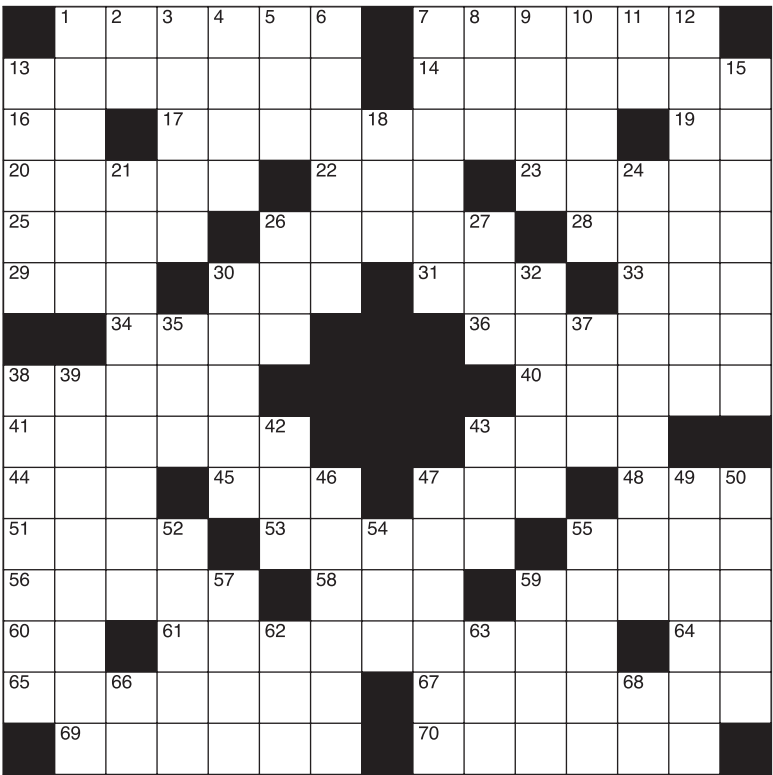
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- 17. Predatory reptile
- 19. Beachwear manufacturer
- 20. European space program
- 22. Alias
- 23. Metrical feet
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Matrilineality
- 28. Snouts
- 29. Giants’ signal caller Manning
- 30. Pacific Time
- 31. Electronic countermeasures
- 33. “Anna Karenina” author
- 34. Snare
- 36. Sleeveless garment



CLUES DOWN

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- 2. Western State
- 3. Cereal grasses
- 4. Needlefishes
- 5. Relating to the ears
- 6. Mathematical ratio
- 7. Dignified
- 8. Pacific sea bream
- 9. One of Thor’s names
- 10. Song of praise
- 11. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)
- 12. Drools
- 13. Cluster
- 15. One in a series
- 18. Egyptian unit of weight
- 21. Broached
- 24. Skin cancers
- 26. Second sight
- 27. Shock treatment
- 30. Whittled

- 32. Murdered in his bathtub
- 35. A way to soak
- 37. Small piece
- 38. Relating to Islam
- 39. Climbing plant
- 42. Drunkard
- 43. Test for high schoolers
- 46. Least exciting
- 47. Amanda and James are two
- 49. Something comparable to another
- 50. Soothes
- 52. Month in the Islamic calendar
- 54. White gull having a black back and wings
- 55. Japanese seaport
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GUESS WHO

I am a Canadian actor and I have been active in the movie industry since 1980. I have had two wives and one daughter. I love comedy, and have starred in a number of comedy films over the years. I have starred in the films "The Mask," "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" and "Liar Liar"

Answer: Jim Carrey

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Brady Reed

Finding a home in music, theater and family

MICHAEL CRIFE
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After going to 10 different schools and living in 21 different houses throughout his childhood, Brady Reed still managed to find his home no matter where he ended up.

Reed, a senior theater major with a minor in interpersonal communications, was busy this past summer taking the next big step in his journey, but it was not a move to a new school or new house.

It was a step including learning as an intern in New York City. He had been to New York before as a student, for a trip lasting only a little more than a week.

“When I first went to New York as a student, I went for 10 days,” Reed said. “I went to a program where I stayed in Times Square for a week and we’d go and see a Broadway show every night, which I had never seen before. I got to take master classes from Broadway professionals, work with directors, actors, technicians, everything.”

Reed took advantage of his short 10-day time in New York by soaking in everything around him.

“It inspired me to jump out of my jar, as we call it,” Reed said. “It’s about opening yourself up to be the best you can be in performance as well as in everyday life. You have to allow yourself to not be limited by what you’ve been told.”

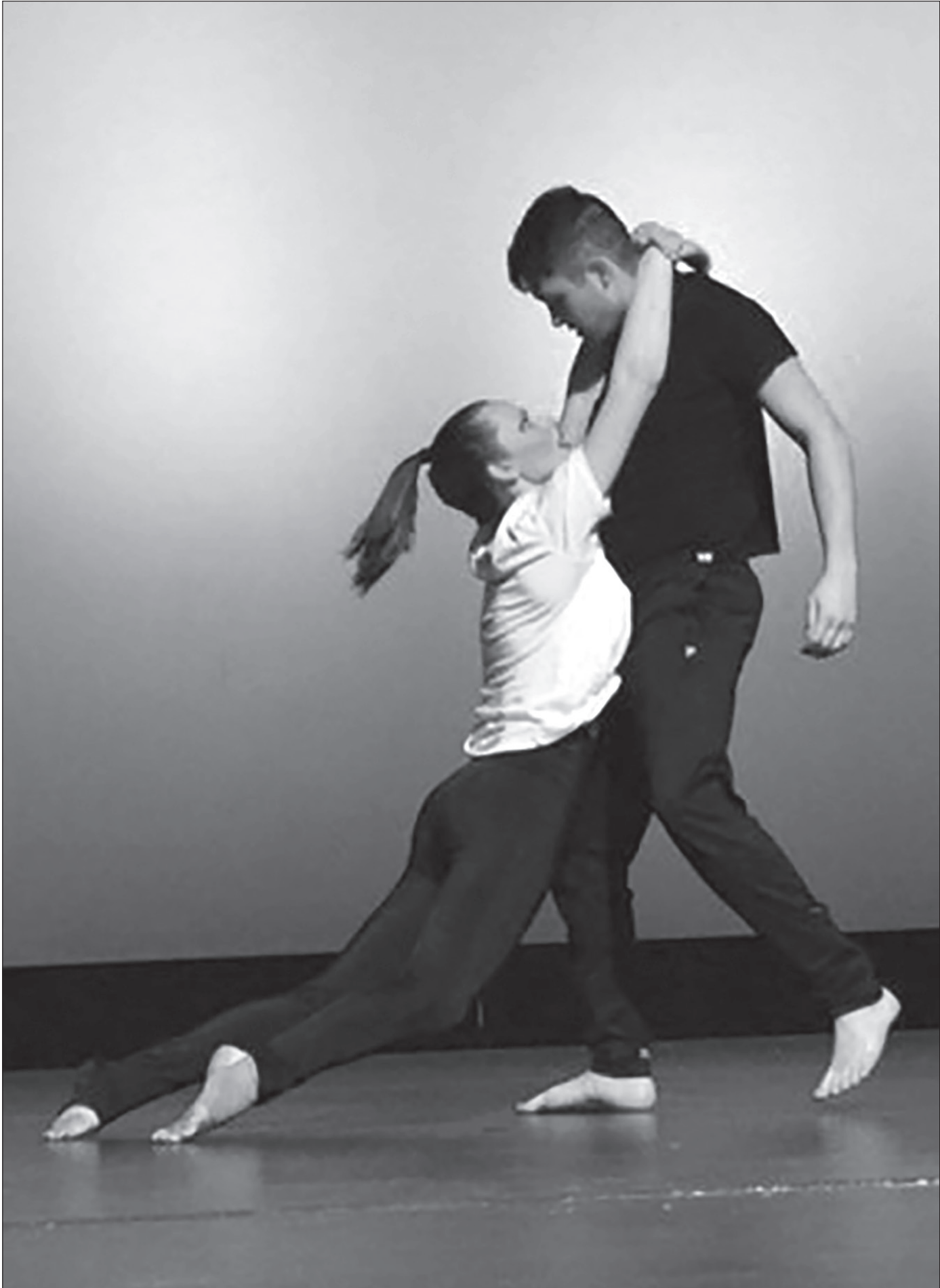
This past summer, however, was a bit different, as Brady stayed and learned in New York as an intern from mid-June to the beginning of August.

“This summer, going back as an intern, I learned a lot about myself,” Reed said. “I wasn’t paid, but it was a fantastic experience. Getting to see shows and connect with professionals that I, in my wildest dreams, would have never imagined. It was cool going from Maryville to New York back to Maryville. It kind of makes you feel like your dreams are more achievable and it opened my eyes as to what I really want to do with my life.”

Reed has been working toward a life in the spotlight for as long as he can remember. Whether it was Disney Channel or Nickelodeon, Reed saw the stars on television and said, “I can do that.”

“I would say my childhood and my family was very diverse,” Reed said. “I lived in 21 different houses and went to 10 different schools, but at every location they had a music program of some sort. That, plus watching Nickelodeon and Disney, all led to my inclusion in musicals.”

With moving to different schools comes the occasional bullying. Reed says bullying was harsh enough eventually causing him to move schools a couple of times, and though there were other rough patches it was never enough to get him down.



SUBMITTED

Brady Reed performs his dance in front of a crowd during the 2017 spring Northwest Dance Company showcase in the Performing Arts Center. Reed is currently the president of NWDC.

“My lowest point, and what caused a reaction of other low points, was the passing of my brother,” Reed said. “At the time, he was 3 and I was 11, and we were extraordinarily close, even with the age gap.”

The car accident resulting in the passing of his younger brother also left his mother with a large number of injuries. This caused Reed to move two states away from Illinois to live with his father in Nebraska. To many this could have been a traumatic incident, but Moving in with his father meant moving away from the slummy area of Illinois he had been living.

“From my childhood I do

suffer from anxiety and depression, so there were some emotional hardships that came out of that situation, but it also allowed me to turn my life around for the better,” Reed said.

According to Reed, it wasn’t just music helping him get through the rougher times, it was the environment around the music sometimes too.

“No matter what I was always found a place within the choir people or within the music and theater areas,” Reed said. “So I said, ‘you know what? This is what I’m going to do. These are the people that I feel uplifted by.’”

While performing is Reed’s passion, he says it is

only the stage by which he helps and inspires others.

“The point of theater is to invoke a story and to become a character that is relatable,” Reed said. “There is a phrase that we always said before a show in high school, ‘In every audience there is a king, and if you play for that king nothing can go wrong.’”

This saying is important to Reed for a number of reasons. Of course its relation to theater and performing is apparent, but Reed feels this saying relates to everyday life as well.

Reed is a member of Theater Northwest and Northwest Dance Company (NWDC). He also serves as Sigma Tau Gamma’s executive secretary in public relations and communications chair, as well as the Interfraternity Council’s vice president of membership and development.

Reed says he stays extremely busy, but none of this includes his membership in the Order of Omega or his position as a career ambassador. He connects the saying from theater to his other activities, hoping to make an impact on every person he meets.

“I really like to connect things in everything I’m a part of. With being a part of my fraternity, as well as philanthropic community service work and doing theater productions, working with kids and really doing any task, you always want to do it with integrity. You only have one life

so you should always want to do things the best you can.”

Part of the way he likes to relieve the stresses of these everyday tasks is hanging out with friends or with his new bunny, Bun.

Rollens Hardy, a senior psychology major, president of NWDC and one of Reed’s closest friends, notices the time Reed dedicates to everyone around him.

“I feel like anytime we are studying together in the library, there are at least eight people that will come and talk to Brady in the two hour time span we are there,” Hardy said. “I think this is because he is so personable and really likes people, he’s a huge people person.”

Hardy went on to address some of the hardships Reed faced in his younger years. She says his emotional strength is without a doubt one of his best qualities.

“Brady has had a lot of heartache in his life, but he doesn’t let that bring him down. He doesn’t let it affect his day to day life and that makes him one of the strongest people I know,” Hardy said.

Reed has been to New York and back twice, but these steps are only the beginning of his time in the limelight. Even though the future can be nerve racking, he knows everything is going to be OK in the end, just as long as he continues performing for the king in every audience.



SUBMITTED

Brady Reed acts as the robin in the Secret Garden in Northwest’s Theater.



First Ladies Organization (FLO) faces the Minority Men's Organization (MMO) in a tug-a-war contest during field day Sept. 29 on the intramural fields. FLO and MMO work together to create unity within community and on campus.

Field day helps bring two organizations together

MEKA WRIGHT
Chief Reporter | @_yafavredhead_

Minority Men's Organization (MMO) and First Ladies Organization (FLO) work together to create unity within community and on campus with a field day.

Reminisce those warm and sunny school days, when your lessons were cancelled for the day and the blacktop playground was filled with an assortment of games and races. You're ready for the organized games to begin and ready to battle the competing classroom for the pizza party at the end. FLO and MMO recreated those warm

memories by hosting an on campus field day Friday, Sept. 29.

The event began with a men versus women tug-a-war. Though, the ladies heavily out-numbered the men their confidence was unwavering. As the whistle blew the two groups pulled relentlessly against the rope. Their confidence could not be beat, yet the men were wiped clean to the ground, causing a roar of laughter from ladies as well as bystanders.

While the first competition pitted the men and women against each other, the remainder of the event they worked together, pairing up for three-legged races, sack

races and more.

The unity of the group could be seen as the students interacted with each other, comfortable with each other and within their environment. Their laughter and teamwork creating an atmosphere worth sharing.

While enjoying their the collaborative field day, members of the organization were perfect examples to other students of what their respective organizations were about.

FLO focuses on supporting women on campus academically, as well as socially by instilling positive mindsets and actions. The organization's main goal is to encourage and create leaders of the women.

"We're turning our young women into leaders," President of FLO Kenya Turner said. "We're setting the up for success on campus, whether that's academically or socially."

President of MMO Tez Higgins explains what the organization strives to provide for their members.

"Minority Men's Organization is about brotherhood, campus involvement and academic success," said Higgins.

While FLO is dedicated to the women of campus, MMO focuses their attentions toward the men. MMO is tailored to minority men it is not an organization exclusive

group and welcomes all men to be apart of the organization.

The two organizations strive for similar goals for respective members, but they are also a part of a larger community. FLO and MMO fall under Diversity, Equity and Inclusion's multicultural organizations.

Working together was an easy task for the two organizations considering that most of their members are tied to each others social lives being a part of the African-American community on campus.

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THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants you to be more professional

I'm going to start out by saying I am not the most professional person out there, but I know where to draw the line.

I've always been told that if I were to go out and party, I should not post anything to social media that could be inappropriate or unprofessional be-

cause potential employers could see it.

Most people probably think this means no Twitter, Facebook or Instagram, but I feel like almost everyone forgets Snapchat.

Sure, Snapchat only allows users to see a photo for a short period of time, even on stories,

yet people can still screenshot those photos and release them.

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Homecoming Royalty

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"I love getting to spend time with all of my close friends at the parade celebrating our campus involvement and interacting with the community."

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"My favorite thing about Homecoming is seeing the love that everyone has for Northwest. The strength of our Bearcat Family stands out as Alumni, of all ages, make the trip back home to celebrate with their family and friends."

SHANE MILLER



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"My favorite thing about Homecoming is the parade. I love seeing all the floats and jaloopies especially knowing how much each organization has put in on them."

TYLER RICHARDSON



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"The Comradery. The atmosphere around the town is just electrifying, everyone involved is friendly and happy to be here. Bearcats young and old, past and future. We're all the same during homecoming and it really paints a picture of what it's like to attend Northwest."

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"I love how the campus and community come together to celebrate the university, as well as the return of many alumni."

Women

JESSICA BUCKLEY



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"My favorite thing about Homecoming is how it brings everyone on campus together, making our Bearcat family bond even stronger. The spirt and energy on campus is always higher. It is a special time where lasting friendships are made and we can all put aside our differences and just come together as Bearcats. Plus, a Bearcat win is never a bad thing either!"

SIERRA HORAN



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"Northwest always promotes the Bearcat Family, and there is no better day than to experience the family feel besides Homecoming. Watching everyone's hard work roll down 4th street while families and alumni stand and cheer, those are just memories you can't make anywhere else."

KATIE BROWN



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Seeing people from all over come together and cheer on Northwest. The parade before the game is always filled with smiling faces from Alum, current students, and future Bearcats and reminds me of how lucky I am to represent Northwest in such a major way."

NOA BALES



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"I love how the atmosphere changes once homecoming hits. Everyone comes together in support of our team, it is an amazing feeling that I will sincerely miss after I graduate."

JORDAN STRITTMATTER



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"Definitely building the big float. I have been one of my chapter's big float chairs for the past three years, and it has been such a fun experience. It has really helped me gain leadership skills, and build relationships across other organizations."

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Softball begins district tournament journey

JAMES HOWEY
Chief Reporter | @How_eyeseeit

The Spoofhounds (7-14) game originally scheduled to play Oct. 4, has been moved to Oct. 5.

Maryville and the Fighting Irish met early in the season with Lafayette grabbing a dominant 16-0 win. The Spoofhounds had a beat up pitching staff with sophomore Riley Grey out with an injury and most of the pitching duties on freshman pitcher Ashlyn Alexander.

Alexander said that having the pitching staff at full strength would allow them to give the Fighting Irish different looks.

“It will help a lot because we can change speeds on them,” Alexander said. “Once they get Riley down, I can come in or the other way around so it kind of messes with their heads.”

Alexander has been a standout for the squad on the season with the second best batting average of .393 and the second most RBIs with 14.

Maryville went 3-5 in its pre-



vious eight games but the team was in a position to turn three of those losses into wins. The Spoofhounds lost to Benton 3-0, almost came back against Savannah 9-6 and were up on Central 4-3 before losing 13-4. Coach Chandra Shurvington said that her team must not let errors on the field avalanche into runs for the opposition.

“An error can be a changing thing and whether we allow the momentum to shift or not is kind of on us,” Shurvington said. “Making sure to keep our head in the game and realize that one bad thing can’t lead to six more is really going to be key for what we need to do tomorrow night.”

Maryville has won its two games in comeback efforts. The Spoofhounds scored two runs in the seventh inning to defeat Gallatin 6-5 Sept. 30 and scored seven runs in the fourth inning in their 11-9 victory over North Platte Oct. 2.

Shurvington praised the offensive output of her team in recent games.

“The last week or so our hitting

has really stepped up,” Shurvington said. “That’s great for us offensively and we’re doing some things on the bases that we need to be doing.”

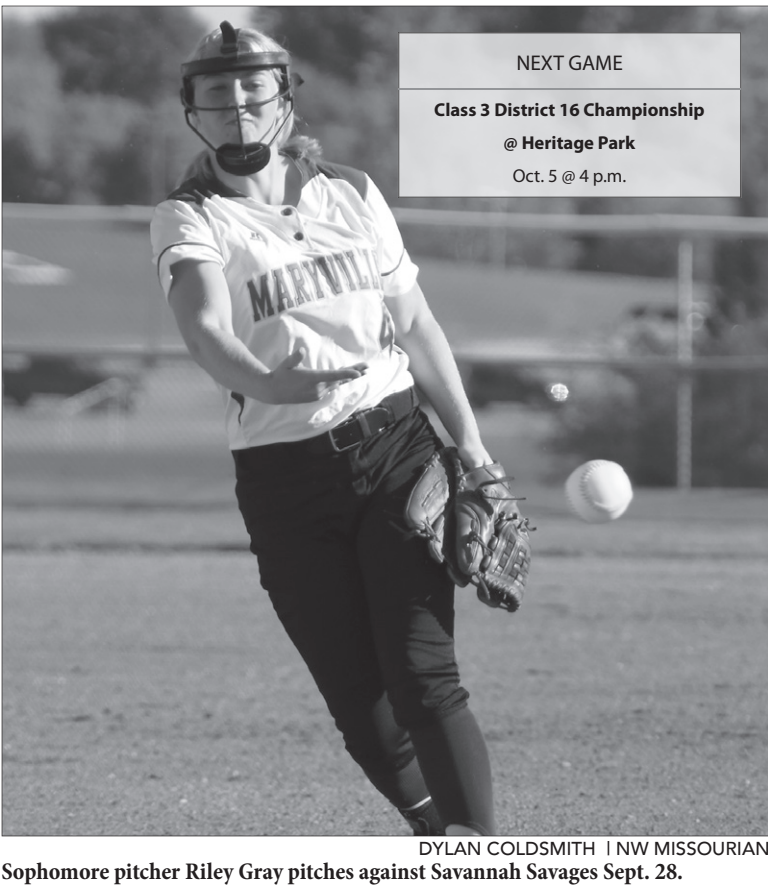
Shurvington also draws confidence from her team’s shown mentality to not give up in games.

“To be able to watch my girls come back in several games now and really work to seal the deal is great,” Shurvington said. “Just know that if we get down in the beginning, we don’t hang our heads and we are ready to come back.”

Shurvington said things have changed in positive ways for her team since facing the Fighting Irish early in the season and that a team always in a softball game.

“The beauty of this sport is that anything can happen on any given night,” Shurvington said. “Softball games are just based on a lot of different factors and early in the season we were short in pitching staff. So I think there is several different factors that could really put us on top.”

Maryville will travel to play Lafayette in the first round of the Class 3 District 16 tournament. First pitch is set for 4 p.m.



Sophomore pitcher Riley Gray pitches against Savannah Savages Sept. 28.

STREAK CONTINUED FROM 12

Though Stallard is a threat, Northwest has not allowed a 100-yard rusher throughout its 35-game stretch.

Stallard doesn’t do it all by himself. In fact, the Bronchos quarterback has a friend. His name is J.T. Luper, one of Division II’s top wide receivers.

The 5-foot-9, 175-pound speedster has been unstoppable through the first five weeks.

“I think anytime you’re a competitor in playing in sports, the measuring stick is when you’re playing against someone good so we enjoy those challenges,” Wright said.

Luper is tied for the most receiving touchdowns (8) in the country as well as leading the na-

tion in receiving yards (881) while averaging 176.2 yards per game. The next best receiver on the list has 200 yards less.

The duo might create issues, but Wright and Northwest will keep a sharp eye on the deadly duo throughout.

“We’re going to have to be very careful on how we rush him and how we approach him,” Wright said.

Though Central Oklahoma has looked impressive in its 2017 campaign, history still plays a factor.

The Bronchos (2-3, 2-3 MIAA) will make a 400-mile trek North to Bearcat Stadium Oct. 7 in hopes to do something they haven’t done in over five years.

Northwest’s offense has averaged 51.4 points per game while

the defense has only allowed 11.2 points per game; this over the last five meetings between the two teams.

The major question entering the match up remains: Can this Northwest offensive line make enough space for offensive weapons such as sophomore running back Brody McMahon and junior wide receiver Shawn Bane Jr. to make big plays?

Bane has punched his name into the Northwest record books as of last week, ranking sixth in touchdown receptions (23), ninth in reception yards (2,351) and No. 10 in pass receptions (142.)

After missing his first two games due to a leg injury, senior offensive lineman Landon Kubicek gave his input on the line’s

progression thus far.

“We’re just getting more comfortable with each other,” Kubicek said. “With the offensive line, it takes time to build chemistry. Were just one guy away from turning a four-yard run into a 10 or 15-yard line.”

Wright is pleased with the offense. At Northwest’s weekly press conference Oct. 3, Kubicek gave insight on the Bearcat’s offensive line after five straight weeks of winning.

“On a grading scale, I would say we are about a ‘B,’” Kubicek said. “We’re getting there and getting more vertical movement at the point of attack. We want to be that offensive line where at the end of the game, we take control.”

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WOLFE SISTERS CONTINUED FROM 12

Taylor Wolfe said her sister is always there to help her develop as a soccer player.

“Playing with my sister has helped me grow as a soccer player,” Taylor Wolfe said. “I can always ask her for help because we play the same position.”

In Taylor Wolfe’s seven collegiate games, she has found the back of the net twice and assisted on a goal once. Taylor Wolfe explained that living close to each other has

helped grow their relationship.

“I see her pretty much everyday,” Taylor Wolfe said. “I only live 5 minutes away from her if I ever I wanna see her.”

Having her younger sister around hasn’t seemed to bother Danielle Wolfe. She said that Taylor Wolfe is not only fun to be around, but a significant help to the club.

“It is a blast. I love having her around all the time,” Danielle Wolfe said. “I also love having her on the team because she is a great asset on the field.”

Taylor Wolfe said the chemistry between the two on the pitch comes

along with the guidance her sister offers.

“I also know how she plays,” Taylor Wolfe said. “When we play together, I always play much better knowing where she is and how I can move off the ball to help my team.”

The Wolfe sisters have combined for four goals and nine points with 13 shots on goal this year. Together, they are tied for the second most goals on the club.

“I think we support each other a lot,” Danielle Wolfe said. “Not only are we competitive and challenge each other at practice, but we encourage one another.”

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS



SPOOFHOUNDS

Jordan Bishop



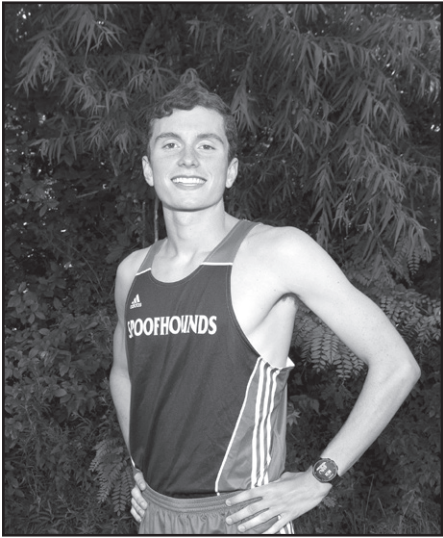
The senior wide receiver caught the game winning touchdown with seven seconds remaining against Central Missouri Sept. 30. He caught four passes recording 40 yards.

Maddy Bruder



The junior outside hitter had a match-high 21 kills to go along with 17 digs in a 3-1 victory over Missouri Southern Sept. 30. She also had four blocks and a service ace.

Caleb Feuerbacher



The senior finished a 5000-meter run in 16:23.9 against Savannah Invitational Sept. 30. The nearest runner was almost two minutes behind. He also verbally committed to the University of Missouri.

TJ Oglesby



The senior qualified for the individual Class 3 state tournament following a 6-0, 6-3 victory in sectionals Oct. 2. She has compiled a 21-1 record this season.

Fall act ends with strong statement

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The Northwest tennis team finished its fall season this past weekend at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) regional tournament. The highlight of the weekend came from the men's double team consisting of senior Youssef Sherif and Jorge Serrano. The pair made it to finals of the men's doubles draw.

The duo went to a deciding third set against the top-seeded Washburn team but fell, 6-3, 3-6, 10-7.

Coach Mark Rosewell said their performance at the ITA tournament really brought an end to a great fall season.

"They showed signs and they had a good win at our tournament, and they played well at Drake when we were up there," Rosewell said. "How they played this weekend shows you, experience-wise, that they are rising to the occasion and that they will be ready to play in the spring."

Sherif said that this tournament was even more special for him because no one expected them to play so well.

"For us it was really exciting because we came in as underdogs," Sherif said. "We had a really good run throughout the tournament and we came really close to winning, but the guys were really good and it was a good match."

Sherif and Serrano weren't the only players that performed well. Senior Josef Altman and freshman Augustin Velasco won a pair of matches and advanced to the quarterfinal round in their men's doubles draw.

Altman also earned a pair of wins in the men's singles draw before falling in the 16th round.



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Freshman Agustin Velasco won a pair of matches, advancing to the quarterfinals of the ITA Regional tournament in Springfield Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

Junior Rahul Manoah won three matches in the singles draw to advance to the quarterfinal round before losing.

Two women also had success in the singles draw. Sophomore Tania Teruel and freshman Irene Recuen-co each won a pair of matches.

Rosewell said that overall, both teams had phenomenal performances, despite how inexperienced a lot of the players are.

"I thought we played extremely well, on both the mens and womens side," Rosewell said. "We have a lot of young players but they really worked hard and had a great tournament all around."

Rosewell also said that they competed against a lot of strong opponents and a lot of talented players.

"This was definitely the toughest tournament for us," Rosewell said. "Even the Division I tournament

we played in a couple weeks ago at Drake was tough, but there were so many teams this weekend that made it a really difficult competition."

The ITA regional tournament sets the stage for the spring season.

Not only do the ITA's determine the individual and team rankings, but it also helps give a preview into how teams will perform in the upcoming season.

Sherif said the team's perfor-

mance at the regional tournament will likely boost their standing in the conference going into the spring season.

"Jorge and I are probably going to be ranked in doubles, which will be good for us," Sherif said. "And it will help us out in the conference because we will hopefully be ranked higher and it will give us a bigger name and a reputation with the teams we play against."

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'When quality counts!'

Oglesby punches ticket as lone state qualifier

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A dominating performance at the district and sectional tournaments propelled senior T.J. Oglesby to her first individual state tournament.

In the Class 1 District 16 Tournament Sept. 28, the Maryville girl's tennis team competed in the individual tournament. Junior Emma Webb-Kirkpatrick competed with Oglesby in the singles bracket.

Webb-Kirkpatrick reached the semifinal match following a 6-0, 6-1 victory and a tight 6-1, 6-6 (7-4) win. She battled but fell short, losing in the semifinals 6-3, 7-5 and again in the third place match 6-1, 6-3.

Oglesby dominated the bracket leading into the championship match.

She won her first two matches 6-0, 6-0 following a bye in the first round. In the championship match, it took three sets to take the title against Savannah's Jacey Cornelius 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

Coach Nicole McGinness said Oglesby is playing even above her expectations coming

into this season.

"She's playing really well, the only girl she's lost to was in class 2 and we're class 1 and that girl made it to sectionals too," McGinness said. "She's had some good competition, and she's 21-1 right now, so she's doing really well."

The doubles section of the tournament did not treat the Spoofhounds as well as the singles. After receiving a first-round bye, juniors Cayren Barnett and Morgan Goodridge lost their first match 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Junior Kamryn Gastler and sophomore Addison Hall won their first match 6-0, 6-0 before falling in the second round 6-1, 6-2. This eliminated all but Oglesby, who moved on to the sectional meet Oct. 2.

Even though they were not playing in the tournament, Oglesby said the support from the team never dissipated.

"The team's really good about supporting me, three of the girls came to sectionals to come cheer me on," Oglesby said.

This support helped to boost Oglesby pass senior Madeline McDonald from St. Pius in the Class 1 Section 8 Tournament.

She cruised to a 6-3, 6-0 victory and secured her spot at state.

A state appearance is impressive, but for Oglesby to reach the highest level of high school competition in her second year on the team surprised many, including her coach.

"I was very impressed with T.J. this year, she only came out last year and being able to go to state her second year of playing is pretty amazing," McGinness said.

Even Oglesby herself did not foresee her success heading into this season.

"To be honest, I did not predict making it this far, so it's kind of weird knowing that I am going down to state," Oglesby said.

The state tournament begins Oct. 13 in Springfield, Missouri. Oglesby will have over a week to prepare for her first shot on the biggest stage in high school.

NEXT GAME
Class 1 Individual State Championship @ Cooper Tennis Complex Oct. 13-14 All Day

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Volleyball match made in heaven

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It was simply a perfect fit the first time Maddy Bruder met Northwest coach Amy Woerth.



Bruder was still deciding where she wanted to attend and play volleyball in college. That decision became a lot easier once she met Woerth on her official visit to Northwest.

"The main thing she told me was that she wanted a culture change and change what Northwest Volleyball is about," Bruder said. "She explained to me how much she wanted me to be a part of that and I loved it."

Bruder is now a junior outside hitter for the Bearcats and is grateful to be a part of Woerth's turnaround of the program.

"I'm going on my third year here and I'm just so happy to a part of that change," Bruder said. "I saw it through her eyes as an incoming freshman and now I'm actually living it. That's awesome."

Bruder is from Firth, Nebraska, a town with a population of around 600 people. Bruder said that Maryville being relatively small town certainly drew her to Northwest.

"I love being able to see a familiar face at a grocery store and have an idea of who people are," Bruder said. "You have those real relationships and conversations with people. I love saying I'm from a small town and I'm not ashamed of it."

Bruder led Northwest in kills her freshman season with 324 and her sophomore season with 432. She leads the team in kills once again this season with 209. Woerth said that Bruder has been the linchpin any coach would want on their team.

"We're very similar when it comes to how we think about things and she's just a coach's dream from the standpoint of being a mini coach out there," Woerth said. "She just gets the game at a very high level."

The Bearcat was named captain this season despite only being a junior. Woerth said that Bruder has proven herself worthy of this privilege by the example she has continuously set for the team.

"The girls can look up to her and her work ethic," Woerth said. "You lead by example first and I think she has done that a great deal of her time in her freshman and sophomore year. Her leadership now is coming into its own."

Bruder gives credit to Woerth for the support and advice she had provided when it comes to taking on a leadership role this season for the Bearcats.

"She has been a true mentor for me when it comes to the leadership aspect," Bruder said. "She's been there for me after practices I've been frustrated or after games where I don't feel like I'm doing my best as a leader."

Bruder is never one to shy away from showing her emotion and intensity on the court while playing. Woerth said that she is the

epitome of what a competitor is.

"She is the ultimate competitor, she is going to outwork you and she is going to beat you," Woerth said. "That's pretty evident when you walk in the gym."

Bruder said that she is motivated by the goal of out working her opponent in every way.

"Really what drives me to get up early for weights and stay up later at night after a practice is that it makes feel like I'm doing that much more than my opponent," Bruder said. "That's incredibly satisfying to me."

The junior also draws inspiration to excel at volleyball from her faith in a higher power.

"The biggest thing for me to be able to pour my heart into a game is my relationship with God," Bruder said. "He has put in me a certain set of qualities that I believe he wants me to portray to others and he has given me these gifts he wants me to use."

Bruder said she never takes for granted to have the ability and opportunity to play volleyball at the college level.

"Volleyball is a gift and it is such a great opportunity," Bruder said. "It's just something so incredible that I'm able to play in college. It's just a feeling that I can't describe being able to show everyone the gifts that God has given me."



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Maddy Bruder celebrates after a successful point during the Bearcat's 3-1 victory against Missouri Southern Sept. 30.

Hopeful Hounds have high homecoming horizons

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As Maryville reflected upon its second regular season loss since 2011, Smithville took in the moment.



The 42-6 loss left the Midland Empire Conference in control of the Warriors, while the Spoofhounds (5-2, 3-2 MEC) fell to third in the standings.

Smithville (7-0, 5-0 MEC) celebrated the continuance of what has been an undefeated season thus far. Maryville took time to focus on its shortcomings.

"Credit goes to Smithville," coach Matt Webb said. "They're physical at the line of scrimmage. We weren't. They ran the ball, we didn't. They completed passes, we threw interceptions."

The Warriors controlled momentum throughout the entire game. Trailing at halftime, the Spoofhounds had a chance to come back.

The objective fell short as Smithville limited Maryville's offensive ways. The Spoofhounds were limited to 69 yards on the ground, forcing a shift in strategy.

Maryville found a remastered strategy to a certain extent, throwing for 97 yards. Senior starting quarterback Will Walker threw for 79 yards on three completions. He

also threw three interceptions.

Junior Eli Dowis took over as quarterback in the third quarter, throwing for 18 yards on two completions. He threw one interception.

"We gotta win the process," Webb said. "That means take care of the ball on offense, get the ball back on defense with takeaways and rush the football on the offense. Stop the run on defense."

Smithville took pride in the win as their trek to a share of the Midland Empire Conference continues. Their fate will be decided against Chillicothe (6-1, 4-1 MEC) Friday night.

As any other coach in the conference has done all season, Smithville coach Jason Ambrosion made a point to recognize the Maryville football tradition, while also recognizing it as one of the biggest wins since he arrived at Smithville in 2015.

"This program; they had only lost one conference game in 10 years," Ambrosion said. "Credit to the coaches there, the kids there and the community that supports them."

The Spoofhounds set out to bounce back in a strong week of practice before hosting Savannah (2-5, 2-3 MEC) in a homecoming match up Friday night.

The focus for improvement is in Maryville's mind.

"Our guys will respond

NEXT GAME

Savannah @ Maryville

Oct. 6 @ 7 p.m.

well," Webb said. "We'll have a good week of practice and a good week of preparation. We'll go out and try to play better next week."

The dual marks a chance for the Spoofhounds to earn the 49th consecutive win at the Hound Pound.

Maryville's last loss occurred at home 41-6 to Savannah Oct. 8, 2010. With the chance of a milestone in reach, Webb took a moment to reflect upon the tradition within the program.

"It's pretty impressive," Webb said. "Maryville is a unique place. Being an alumni from Maryville high school myself, it's a proud feeling to play in the homecoming game."

The Savages enter the match up working to find the path to consistency. Led by coach Randy Schrader, the Savages struggled through their first four matches of the season allowing 148 points, while scoring just 32 points.

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Survival of the fittest

NCAA's longest active win-streak lives on

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The historic win streak lives as Bearcat football readies itself for another possible roadblock.



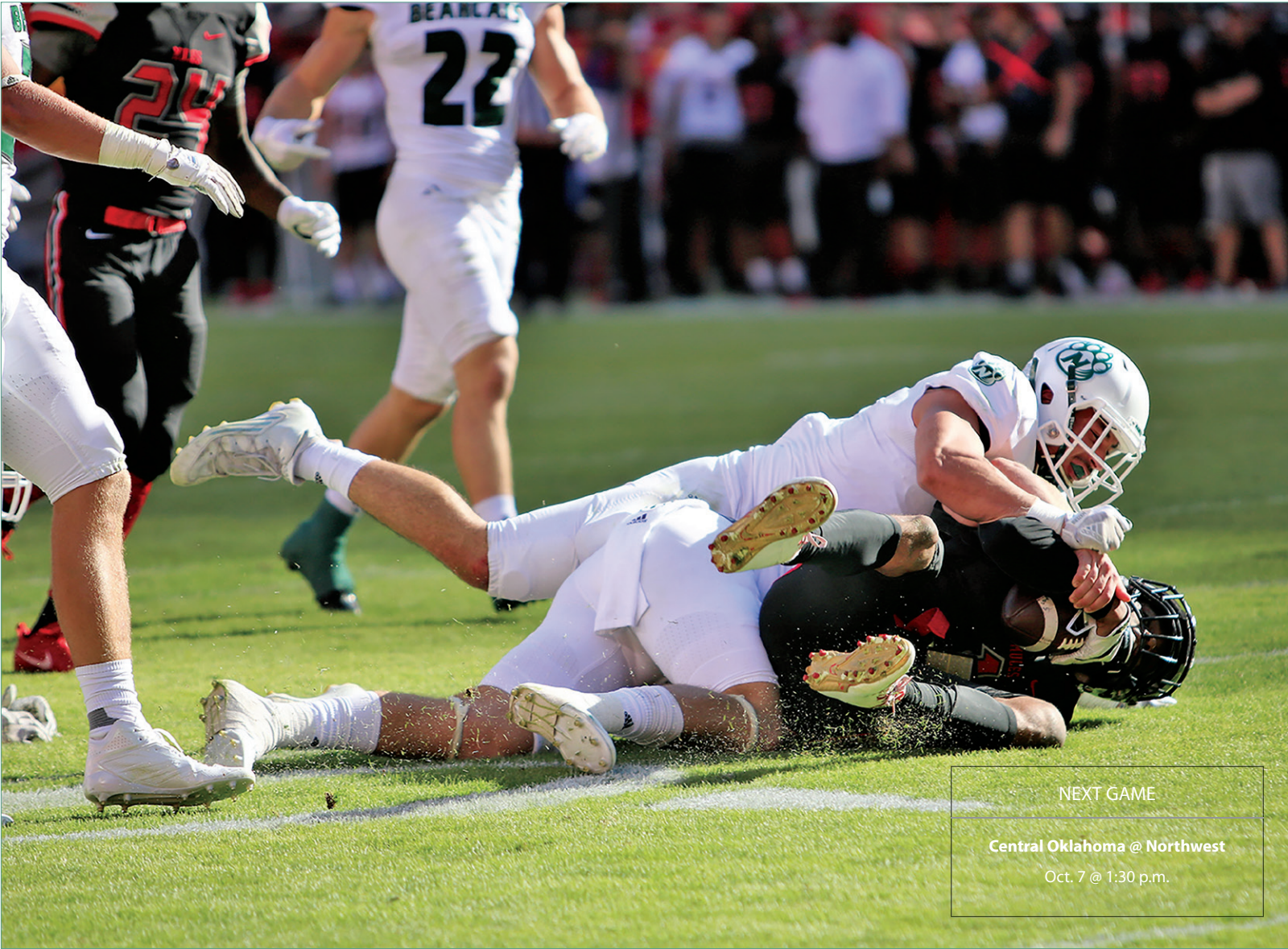
No. 1 Northwest's 35-game win streak is only five behind the NCAA Division II record of 40 wins set by Grand Valley State (Aug. 27, 2005-Dec. 1, 2007).

The Bearcats (5-0,5-0 MIAA) will be hosting Military Day and will attempt to slow down a multi-skilled quarterback that causes problems both with feet and arms.

"I watched 10 minutes on the tape and I was like, okay, he's a good football player," Wright said. "He's a really good athlete but he also keeps his eyes downfield."

Central Oklahoma senior Chas Stallard has been one of the premier athletes in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Conference thus far.

Stallard is the team's leading rusher (47.8 yards per game) as well as the conference's No. 1 quarterback in passing touchdowns (15). The senior is also third in completion percentage (63.6 percent), one spot behind Northwest's own, senior Zach Martin (66.9 percent.)



NEXT GAME

Central Oklahoma @ Northwest

Oct. 7 @ 1:30 p.m.

SEE **STREAK** | A9

The Northwest defense is allowing just 6.8 points per game which places them No. 2 in Division II football. The Bearcats rushing defense is also ranked No. 4 in the nation, giving up just 62.8 rushing yards per game.

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The tale of two Wolfes

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Blood thicker than water, a relationship between two members of the Bearcat soccer team goes further than 90 minutes a game.



Hailing from Olathe North High School, senior Danielle Wolfe and freshman Taylor Wolfe are one of two sets of siblings on the Bearcat soccer team that have shined this season.

The oldest of the Wolfe sisters was a star soccer player who played at Division I University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Danielle Wolfe explained her older sister inspired both sisters to pursue a soccer career.

"I was always determined to play college soccer, I just didn't know at what level," Danielle Wolfe said. "I think it also convinced Taylor who strived in club soccer."

After experiencing a hip injury that resulted in surgery during Taylor Wolfe's junior year of high school, Danielle Wolfe said she didn't let the injury stop her from pursuing the next level.

"I am so glad she continued playing, especially at Northwest," Danielle Wolfe said. "It has been a blessing having her as a teammate my last year of playing."

When choosing a place to call home for the next four years, Danielle Wolfe explained Northwest was a perfect fit for her and her sister.

"I knew Northwest was for me the first time I visited," Danielle Wolfe said. "I loved the campus and distance from home. I spoke very highly of the school and knew it would be a great choice for her too."

Before Taylor Wolfe stepped foot on campus, Danielle Wolfe had been named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll twice and recorded six goals and 15 points.



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Danielle Wolfe is responsible for four points this season. Her sister, freshman Taylor Wolfe, has totaled five points. The duo have scored four total goals for the season.

When deciding where to continue her soccer career, Taylor Wolfe said her sister's influence played a large part in her enrolling at Northwest.

"My sister was the biggest factor with me deciding to go to Northwest," Taylor Wolfe said. "Danielle loved it here and I loved the town when I came to visit or to watch games. I thought it would be a great place for me to go."

Once everything was settled, the sisters took to the field.

NEXT GAMES

Fort Hays State @ Northwest

Oct. 6 @ 3 p.m.

Nebraska Kearney @ Northwest

Oct. 8 @ 12:30 p.m.

The relationship between the two sisters began to strengthen on and off the pitch.

SEE **WOLFE SISTERS** | A9

Golf returns to state stage

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The six-year drought is finally over, as the Spoofhounds qualified for the state golf tournament in Columbia as a team.



Maryville pushed past its competition placing second among the five teams and 20 individual schools represented in the Class 1 Section 4 Tournament for its first team state appearance since 2011.

As things got underway at Mazingo Lake Golf Course, the advantage was all Maryville's as it took a home course advantage and put it to good use. This edge was evident in sophomore Emily Long's play.

"I just didn't let the score get into my head," Long said. "I just tried to stay positive all the way through."

Long led the Spoofhounds in the tournament shooting an 83. For a tough 5,242-yard course on a windy day, the conditions barely played a factor in Long placing second among all the golfers competing.

Long fell behind India Gaume a senior of Pembroke Hill who scored a 76. The team followed suit coming in second with a score of 389 behind Pembroke who scored a 375. As the team strives to be the best coach Brenda Ricks is more than excited for the challenge that state holds.

"To go as a team to state is just crazy," Ricks said. "This is just icing on the cake from this season, now we just go and have fun."

For almost everyone this is a new type of experience as this Maryville team ventures to Columbia Country Club Monday

NEXT GAME

Class 1 Team State Championship
@ Columbia Country Club

Oct. 9-10 All Day

and Tuesday Oct. 9-10.. However, for Long this is a redemption story as she continues to try to better her state results from freshman year when she shot 193 to give her a 49th place finish.

"It'll be awesome," Long said. "I'm really excited, I want top 25 this year. I'm just excited to go as a team, it's going to be a lot of fun doing together, then by yourself."

The sectional tournament was not a place of constant success on the course though, as junior Laurelle Wickersham suffered an unknown injury to her shoulder on the fourth hole.

"The pain started on hole four, but it wasn't that bad on the front nine," Wickersham said. "It did make it harder to swing on the back nine though."

A small shoulder pop was not going to affect Wickersham as she planned her comeback from last year's sectional tournament. As the pain ached on, so did Wickersham's drive to make it to state for the first time in her Maryville golf career. She finished with a score of 101 helping the Spoofhounds get the edge on their opponents as she took over the No. 13 spot on the day.

"I want to do better than I did at sectionals and districts now," Wickersham said. "I don't really shoot high scores until the pressure really starts to stack on."

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